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1. ON JANUARY 15, MISSION OFFICER INFORMED FRG DELEGATION OFFICER (HOYNCK) OF U.S. VIEWS ON AIR MANPOWER PER REF A. MISSION HAD ALREADY INFORMED U.K. DELEGATION (REF B). HOYNCK HAD JUST RETURNED FROM MEETINGS IN BONN ON MBFR. HE SAID HE KNEW BONN WOULD WELCOME THE U.S. APPROACH OF LOOKING AT AIR MANPOWER MORE AS A WHOLE, RATHER THAN PROCEEDING ONE STEP AT A TIME. HE ALSO SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE U.S. EFFORT TO AVOID SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS BY OTHER ALLIES IN PAHSE II, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE U.S. APPROACH SUCCEEDED IN DOING THIS. HE SAID BONN WOULD WANT TO STUDY THE SUBSTANCE OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL CAREFULLY, AND INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. SOUGHT EARLY NAC GUIDANCE ON THE

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MATTER. MISSION OFFICER'S REPLY EMPHASIZED THE U.S. PROPOSAL'S POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCING THE NEGOTIATION TOWARD BASIC ALLIED OBJECTIVES, AND THE UTILITY OF EARLY NAC GUIDANCE.

2. MISSION OFFICER ALSO INFORMED BELGIAN DELEGATION OFFICER (WILLOT) OF U.S. VIEWS. THE LATTER'S INITIAL REACTION WAS ONE OF SKEPTICISM THAT ANY NEW ALLIED PROPOSAL ON AIR MANPOWER WOULD ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATION AT THIS TIME. MISSION OFFICER NOTED THE EASTERN INTEREST IN AIR REDUCTIONS, AND THE LEVERAGE AFFORDED BY BRINGING VOLUNTARY PHASE I AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS INTO THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING. BELGIAN DELEGATION OFFICER ALSO OBSERVED THAT UNDER THE U.S. PROPOSAL, THE U.S. WOULD TAKE A SOMEWHAT INCREASED PROPORTION OF ALLIED REDUCTIONS IN MBFR.

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